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House Resolution No. 958

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who contribute an exceptional amount of time and energy to improving quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through their exemplary work in the field of public safety; and

Whereas, Todd Gray of Fulton, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a firefighter with the city of Fulton fire department; and

Whereas, on February 29, 2008, Todd Gray was one of nineteen firefighters and five engines that responded to reports of a house ablaze in Fulton; and

Whereas, upon arriving at the home, Todd Gray discovered that the structure had heavy black smoke coming from the front porch and flames coming out the back of the house; and

Whereas, firefighter Todd Gray and a colleague entered the building before the first-floor flashover and succeeded in locating a woman whom they then removed through a front bedroom window with the assistance of Fulton police officers; and

Whereas, Todd Gray and the other firefighter subsequently exited the house through the same window before being taken to area hospitals for treatment for injuries suffered in the rescue; and

Whereas, Todd Gray's astute and heroic actions undoubtedly saved the life of a fellow human being and deserve the highest praise; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse legislative activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as firefighter Todd Gray:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute firefighter Todd Gray and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his actions that saved the life of a person trapped in her burning home; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Todd Gray of Fulton, Missouri.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 958, adopted March 6, 2008.